

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  MT. PLEASANT MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	DOCKET NOS. E-21312 E-21313
--	--------------------------------

**EXTENSION OF FRANCHISE**

(Issued September 6, 2001)

On July 13, 2001, Mt. Pleasant Municipal Utilities (Mt. Pleasant), pursuant to Iowa Code § 478.21 (2001), requested that the Utilities Board extend the franchises granted in Docket Nos. E-21312 and E-21313 for two additional years. Section 478.21 requires a showing of sufficient justification for not beginning construction within two years from the date the franchise was granted. Mt. Pleasant recites the matter has been on appeal in the courts since the franchises were granted in October 1998. The uncertainty raised by the appeals gives sufficient justification for not beginning construction. No objections to the extension were filed and the request will be granted.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

The request for a two-year extension of the franchises granted on October 8, 1998, in Docket Nos. E-21312 and E-21313, filed by Mt. Pleasant Municipal Utilities on July 13, 2001, is granted. The extended franchises permit construction to begin on or before October 7, 2002.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Diane Munns

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper  
Executive Secretary

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2001.